



August 22, 2024

From the Office of M. Caitlin S. Anderson
Liquor Control Division Director

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RE: Retail Credit Extension Due to August 18, 2024 Floods

On August 18, 2024, portions of Connecticut experienced historic rainfall resulting in extreme and devastating flooding. Governor Ned Lamont [declared a Civil Preparedness Emergency](#) the following day, noting that the flooding washed out bridges and roads and damaged or destroyed structures. On August 20, 2024, Governor Lamont requested that President Joseph Biden [declare a federal emergency](#) for Fairfield County, New Haven County, and Litchfield County as a result of the extreme and historic flooding. Governor Lamont's letter explained that almost 16 inches of rain fell in 6-8 hours in some locations and qualified as a 1,000-year flood in some areas, and a 50-, 100-, 200-, and 500-year flood in other areas. Significant damage occurred to main Connecticut roadways, such as Routes 34, 53, 57, and 67.

The Department of Consumer Protection is aware that businesses holding liquor permits in the impacted areas are either closed due to flooding, unable to open due to road closures, or experiencing significantly reduced patronage due to the impacts of the historic flooding. The reduced business operation impacts liquor permit holders' ability to pay wholesaler invoices for alcoholic beverages within the thirty-day period required by Connecticut General Statutes § 30-48(b).

Given Governor Lamont's Civil Preparedness Emergency proclamation and pursuant to its authority under Connecticut General Statutes § 30-6 to "generally do whatever is reasonably necessary for the carrying out of the intent of this chapter," the Department extends the 30-day alcoholic liquor wholesale credit period for alcoholic beverages as follows:

1. The extension applies to all on- and off-premises retail permittees in Monroe, Newtown, Oxford, Seymour, Southbury, Stamford, Weston, and Wilton (including, but not limited to, package stores, grocery stores, restaurants, cafes, and craft cafes).
2. All alcoholic liquor invoices received on credit and due and owing on any date between and including August 18, 2024 through August 31, 2024 shall receive a 21-day extension on payment if desired by the retail permit holder.
3. If any retail permittee in Fairfield County, New Haven County, and Litchfield County, but not located in a town identified in Number 1 above, has been closed or had their business substantially impacted by the August 18th flooding, it may contact the Liquor Control Division for permission to receive the 21-day extension. All requests and any



supporting documentation (such as photos) should be emailed on or before August 31, 2024 to DCP.LiquorControl@ct.gov.

If you have any questions regarding this extension or any liquor-related matter, please email us at DCP.LiquorControl@ct.gov.

The Department of Consumer Protection, through the Liquor Control Division, oversees all sales of liquor in the State of Connecticut. 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 901, Hartford, CT, 06103. Visit the Liquor Control Division website www.ct.gov/dcp.